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-1: KRONSTADT

a. On 28 May at 1500 GMT the following naval vessels were seen:

1) 7 submarines (in the western basin) and the submarine salvage vessel KOMMUNA.

2) In the middle basin the OCTOBER REVOLUTION and cruiser ex-Nurnberg, [redacted] were seen. Behind this 2 destroyers and 2 4-mast sailing ships.

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3) In the eastern basin a SVERDLOV cruiser [redacted]. The whole fore mast was surrounded by scaffolds.

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4) In the large floating dock there was a cruiser of the SVERDLOV-class. [redacted]

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[redacted]. During observations in 1955 [redacted] floating dock marked DANZIGER-VERFT; this was not in the area now.

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b. On 1 June 1956 at 0030 GMT the following were observed:

1) The large floating dock was empty.

2) Cruiser [redacted] and the OCTOBER REVOLUTION and one more cruiser; also 2 destroyers.

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3) There were 7 submarines in the submarine basin [redacted]

[redacted] One of these was quite wide.

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- 4) 4 naval vessels were anchored west of Leningrad light-ship, ex-Burners and 3 escort vessels

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2. LENINGRAD

a. The Zhadanov Shipyard

- 1) 3 destroyers being built or repaired.

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- 2) There was a minium-painted hull on an open slipway south of the large hall. the hull was partly hidden behind scaffolds.

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- 3) On 29 May at 1700 GMT a destroyer was observed entering the shipyard (see enclosed sketch). this destroyer was of the same type as the three mentioned in 1.b.4).

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b. The Marti Shipyard

a cruiser in a basin by the shipyard.

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- c. On 30 May at 1100 GMT a submarined was observed leaving the harbor (see sketch).

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Re 2.a.3). The vessel is a destroyer of the KOTLIN-class.

re 2.b. The cruiser at the Marti Shipyard is probably MAXIM GORKI.

re 2.c. The submarine is probably W-class.

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Soviet Warship in LENINGRAD Harbour

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1. A Soviet warship was observed in LENINGRAD harbour about 100 yards above the Lieutenant SHMIDT bridge facing up river in mid-stream on 17th July 1956 at 20.00 hours. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] no other ships in this part of the river at the time.

[REDACTED] at 22.00 hours on the same day [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the ship had gone. [REDACTED]

3. A sketch of the warship is attached at Appendix A. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] it was a small ship similar to a sloop or small destroyer.

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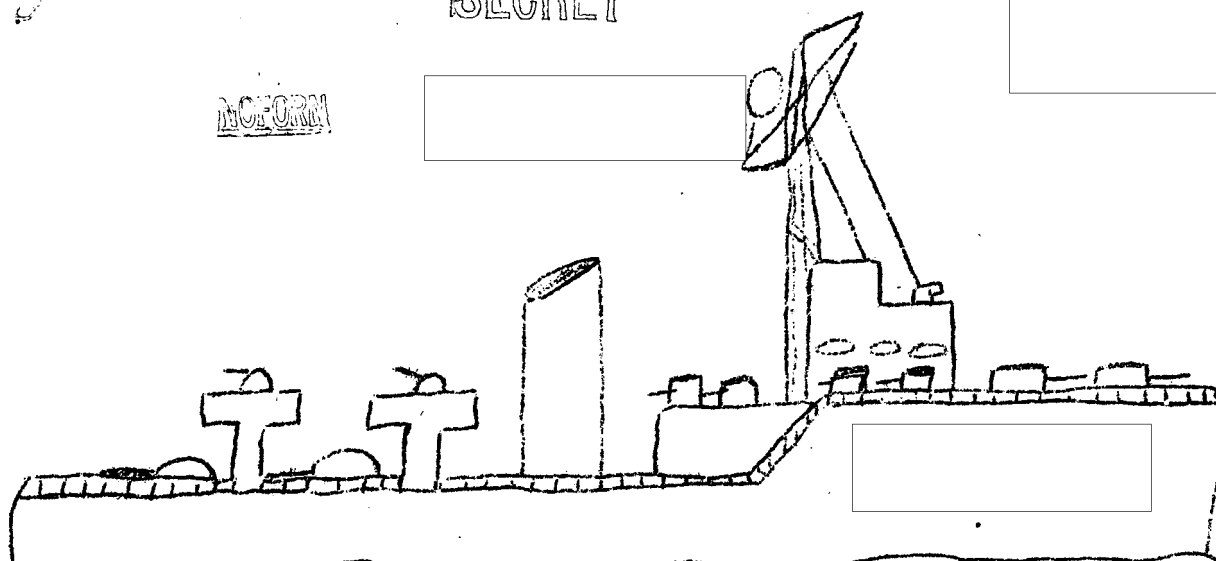
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Naval vessels at KRONSTADT and LENINGRAD.
(16th - 22nd June 1956.)

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1. Vessels observed at or near KRONSTADT.

- (a) June 16th. A 4 mast Soviet training ship was observed near the light ship at KRONSTADT, sailing in a westerly direction.

16 small type, about 200 ton, submarines were tied up to a long pier in the western part of KRONSTADT.

Description:

Conning tower amidships, gun in front of conning tower, calibre 5 cm.
~~Ship, USSR~~

- (b) The ~~KOMMUNA~~, a submarine salvage vessel, was observed on 16th and 22nd June, at anchor near the KRONSTADT light ship.
- (c) On 16th and 22nd June, a cruiser was observed in the KRONSTADT Basin. See below.

Description:

Funnels, two, between two masts. Tops higher at front than at the back.

Identification, not known.

Length, " "

Masts, two, tripod foremast

Shape, step beneath foremast

Turrets, 2 turrets on fore part of ship
1 turret on after part of ship.

Armament, only guns in turrets noted

Radar, on foremast

- (d) At KRONSTADT itself very little activity was observed.

2. LENINGRAD

- (a) On June 22nd in the afternoon, 6 large submarines were observed sailing from the direction of LENINGRAD to that of TALLIN. The submarines were about 5 miles away from observer and further particulars could not be noted.

- (b) KRYLOV (Ex MARTI) Shipyard.

Behind much timber scaffolding, the super structure of a cruiser, covered with red lead, was observed.

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Comment on: 1.(d).

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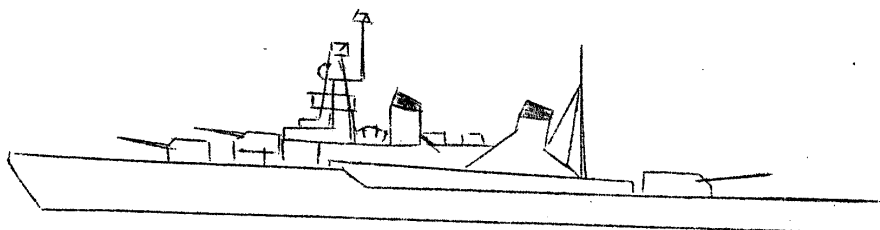
It appears from the lack of naval shipping seen in KRONSTADT that the U.S.S.R. has given up this place as a first-class base for their fleet.

Comment on: 2.(b).

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In November, 1955. the same ship was observed in the same state.

Cruiser seen in KRONSTADT on 16th and 22nd June.



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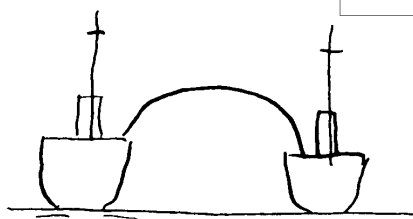
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1. KRONSTADT (22nd May, 1956). [redacted] two ships
[redacted] tied up in harbour, which looked as if they were joined to-
gether with curved iron girders. [redacted] were for submarine
maintenance. (See sketch A). 25X1
2. LENINGRAD. Towed up the canal by tugs, a ship of about 4,000 tons "bigger
than a destroyer, but not so long as a cruiser" (see sketch B.). [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] brassy-looking domes on the side of each turret, whose bases
were about 3' in diameter. These shone in the parts which were not tarnished. 25X1
[redacted] 25X1
3. About 2 miles west of the LENINGRAD ship light, 1 grey "cargo boat" ("not
like a depot ship") exercising with small motor boats about 40' - 50' long.
These boats were fast, and the exercise appeared to consist of these boats,
one at a time, zooming towards and then away from the cargo boat. (See
sketch C.). [redacted] boats were very fast. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] 25X1

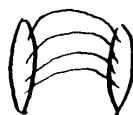
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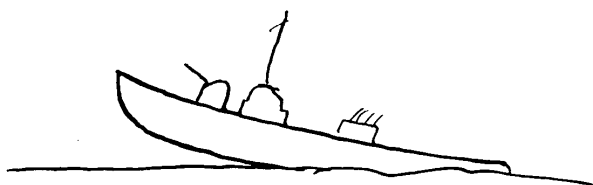


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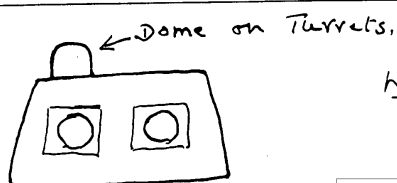
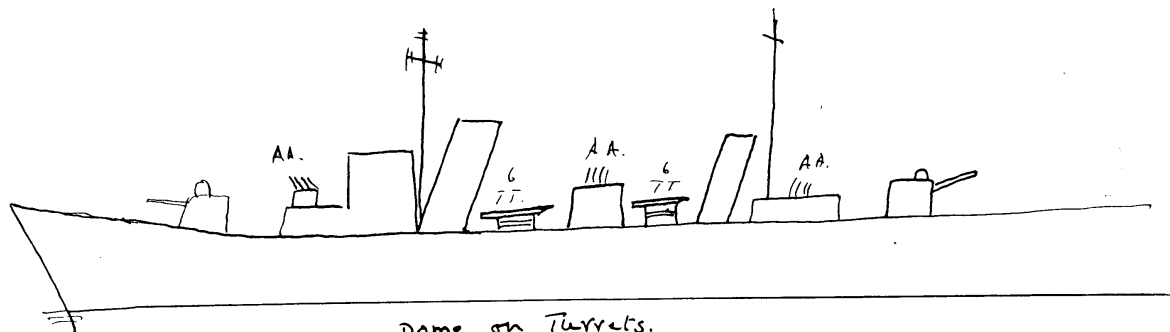


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note. 2 nests of 6 Torpedo Tubes
amidships.

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